

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5213
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
GASLITAND MINE ACCIDENT
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the paragraph 12 of the "Observations and recommendations" of the report of the Mukherjee Commission on Gaslitand Accident captioned "Observation to be noted by the Government";

(b): if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c): the steps taken against the persons held responsible by the Commission for the disaster?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Directorate General of mines Safety, under Ministry of Labour has filed the prosecution case on 6-12- 2000 in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Dhanbad against the persons responsible for the accident namely (1) Director(T) and nominated Owner (2) Chief General Manager/Deemed Agent (3) Addl. General Manager (4) Area Safety Officer (5) Agent (6) Manager (7) Asstt. Manager (8) Safety Officer (9) Colliery Engineer (10) Winding Engine Driver (11) Banksman (12) Fireman (13) Fireman. Ministry of Labour has to pursue the cases.

None of the prosecuted persons have been promoted by the management of Bharat Coking Coal Limited.